

Course fees

The course is usually supported by funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Programme in partnership with Stipa Native Grasses Association.

- ✓ Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea
- ✓ Course notes
- ✓ Online webinar support.

Please note, the course does not include accommodation and travel expenses to attend the course. Furthermore, participants will be required to cover the cost of their own cover cropping trial.

How to apply

The course is open to groups of farmers interested in trialling multi species cover cropping.

To apply, please contact Graeme Hand for more details.
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Practical short course for farmers keen to trial multi-species cover cropping and boost soil health.

Expressions of **interest (EOI) are now open for an introduction to multi species cover cropping. Workshops for a further two days may also run.** This short course in multi-species cover cropping is designed for managers of mixed farming operations.

Multi-species cover cropping can help farmers build a soil resource base that supports production and profit in times of increased climate variation.

They also benefit integrated pest management strategies by providing habitat for predatory insects and bees.

The course will cover a range of topics including:

- ✓ Designing your own cover-cropping demonstration trial
- ✓ Achieving good crop yields
- ✓ Measuring changes in nutrient cycling, water infiltration and stability of your soil
- ✓ Managing key soil health processes to improve soil condition and increase farm resilience
- ✓ Increasing profitability while lowering risk



What participants can expect

On completion of the short course you will understand:

- ✓ Multi-species mix (both cool and warm season) to address your resource concern or animal performance.
- ✓ Suitability of your seed drill.
- ✓ How to manage stubble/litter levels.

- ✓ Fertiliser and herbicide requirements.
- ✓ Time of planting – can you plant dry?
- ✓ In-crop requirements.
- ✓ Grazing impact on soil health and animal performance.
- ✓ Selecting the level of regeneration to reach your goals.
- ✓ The impacts of cover crops on: soil moisture levels, crop yields, providing ‘a green bridge’ for rust inoculum, plant-available nitrogen, seeding window, pests and diseases.



Multi species cover cropping demonstration.

Left hand side 2 species

Right hand side 12 species

Course presenters

Colin Seis farms a 2,000 acre mixed-farm on the central slopes of NSW and pioneered the regenerative agriculture practice of pasture cropping. The property runs around 4000 merino sheep, a Merino Stud, and grows around 500 acres of crops annually to oats using the ‘pasture cropping’ technique. Colin also runs a farm consultancy business advising landholders and speaks at many workshops around Australia and internationally. In 2014 Colin won the Bob Hawke Landcare Award.

Graeme Hand farms beef cattle near Hamilton in Victoria and is the CEO of Stipa Native Grasses Association. He also runs his own consultancy business and has delivered countless workshops across Australia to cropping and grazing farmers on farm financial health checks, planned grazing and cover cropping.

*Renowned US soil expert and rancher Gabe Brown will be providing design input on the multi-species cover crops.

